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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Please replace current drawing sheet 6 of 9, containing Figure 6, with the attached replacement drawing sheet 6 of 9, in which Figure 6 has been amended as described in detail in the Remarks section. Please also replace current drawing sheet 9 of 9, containing Figure 9, with the attached replacement drawing sheet 9 of 9, in which Figure 9 has been amended as described in detail in the Remarks section.

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REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for the careful consideration of this application. Claims 1-26 are currently pending. Applicants appreciate the Examiner's allowance of claims 20-26, and indication that claims 2 and 14 are directed to allowable subject matter. Based on the foregoing amendments and the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn.

Objections to the Drawings

The Examiner objected to the drawings under 37 C.F.R. § 1.83(a) for allegedly failing to show various features of the invention specified in the claims. The individual objections are addressed below.

The Examiner objected to the drawings for allegedly failing to show the "distances between borders" claimed in claim 20. Figs. 6 and 9 have been amended to show the claimed distances. In addition, the specification has been amended to refer to these distances. No new matter has been entered by these amendments.

The Examiner also objected to the drawings for allegedly failing to show the "vertical ribs formed as indentations in the panel" claimed in claims 11, 19, and 26. Pursuant to the Examiner's suggestions, Fig. 9 has been amended to include contour lines and shading, which clarify that the vertical ribs are indentations, not protrusions.

For the above reasons, the Applicants respectfully submit that the objections to the drawings have been overcome and should be withdrawn.

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Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1, 3, and 7-9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,932,230 to Pedmo et al. Submitted herewith is a Declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 swearing behind the August 15, 2003 effective date of Pedmo. Accordingly, the Applicants submit that Pedmo is not prior art to the present invention. Therefore, the Applicants respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 4-6, 13, and 15-18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Pedmo. In view of the Declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131, submitted herewith, Pedmo is not prior art to the present invention. Therefore, the Applicants respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 10-12 and 19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Pedmo in view of Japanese Reference JP 2002-326618. As discussed above, the Applicants have sworn behind Pedmo. The JP '618 reference on its own does not disclose or suggest the invention of claims 10-12 and 19. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn.

Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants, therefore, respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicants believe that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action

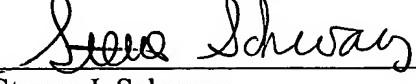
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and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is hereby invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 with Exhibit(s)
Replacement Drawing Sheets 6/9 and 9/9

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